deprived of his dues and relevant information/details made available with Banks, particularly those who retired in 1990 and onwards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The news-item dated 21st April, 1998 related to revision of pension of Pre-1986 retirees. While implementing decisions on the recommendation of the Vth Central Pay Commission, the Government has already issued orders for the revision of pension/family pesnion of pre-1986 retirees on the basis of fixation of notional pay in the pay scales introduced w.e.f. 1.1.1986. As per the procedure laid down in these instructions, pre-1986 pensioners/family pensioners are required to apply for the revision of their pension to the head of Department where the pensioner/deceased Government servant served last before his retirement/death. A fixed time schedule has also been laid down for dealing with such cases of revision of pension by various authorities. It has been impressed upon all the Ministries/ Departments etc. to deal with these cases on priority basis. The Government has also issued orders that pending revison of their pension/family pension of pre-1986 retirees, their existing pension may be consolidated as on 1.1.1996 by adding together basic pension, DA admissible at AICPI 1510, IR(I) & (II) and 40% Fitment Weightage so as to provide immediate relief based on the table attached to the orders dated 27.10.1997. orders for release of first instalment of arrears on this account amounting to Rs. 5000/- plus 50% of the remaining amount were issued on 27.10.1997. Orders for the relase of second and final instalment have also been issued on 27.5.1998. With a view to mitigate hardships to pensioners/family pensioners on account of non-availablility of relevant records in cases where the pensioner had retired prior to 1.1.1973, it has been provided in the orders for the Head of office to fix their pay at the minimum of the scale of pay introduced w.e.f. 1.1.1973 for the post held by them before retirement. Orders dated 27.10.1997 referred to above also provide for revision of pension/family pension of those who retired between 1.1.1986 to 31.12.1995.

Officers on Deputation in the Central Government

2529. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are not granting extension to officers on deputation on completion of their tenure in the Central Government;

(b) whether Government are aware that some officers have been continuing on Central deputation much beyond the prescribed period;

(c) whether Government intend to revert all such officers immediately as these officers have developed vested interests; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANAM): (a) According to the provisions contained in the Central Staffing Scheme every officer shall revert at the end of his tenure on the exact date of completion of his tenure. As per the guidelines laid down by the Government, any proposal for extension in the tenure of an officer beyond the normal tenure is considered only where there is strong justification.

(b) to (d) There are presently some officers who are on tenure extended in

terms of the dispensation mentioned at (a) above and they will revert to their respective cadres on completion of the extended tenure.

Preliminary Examination in other Indian Languages

2530. SHRI S. NIRAIKULATHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the preliminary examination of the Civil Services Examination is conducted only in English and Hindi;

(b) whether Government would conduct the preliminary examination in all the Indian languages listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India from the coming year; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Accoring to the plan of the Civil Services Examination, the Preliminary Examination consists of two papers—Paper I on General Studies and Paper II on one of the subjects to be selected by the candidates from the list of optional subjects. In this examination, the candidates are not required to write answers in any language medium but are only required to select the right answer from the given choices and indicate the same in the answer sheet. The question papers (test Booklets) for the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination are printed bilingually in Hindi and English.

Distribution of Civil Services Vancancies amongest States

2531. SHRI S. NIRAIKULATHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Staff Selection Commission makes region-wise selection for several posts, such as Inspectors of Income Tax, Customs and Central Excise;

(b) whether Government would consider distributing the vacancies in the Civil Services like IAS, IPS etc. State-wise, in proportion to population of each State and select candidates on inter-se merit; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above of the question be in the negative, whether the present system is not against the spirit of federation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

Reservations for Physically Handicapped in Civil Services

2532. SHRI R. MARGABANDU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are having any proposal to issue concessions and reservations to physically handicapped persons in the Civil Services examinations; and

(b) whether Government would pass necessary orders to reserve and earmark 3 per cent reservation to physically handicapped persons in the Civil Services Examinations?